

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 547

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James Guilford "Jimmy" Douglas of Ripley.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James Guilford "Jimmy" Douglas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Douglas was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Douglas served his country valiantly as a member of the United States Navy, retiring at the rank of Captain; he was the Commanding Officer of PERSMOBTM 1309 from 1979 to 1980 and received the Tennessee National Guard Commendation Ribbon in 1985; and

WHEREAS, he also enjoyed a long, successful career as an educator, devotedly serving the youth of Tennessee until the time of his retirement; and

WHEREAS, an active leader in his community, Mr. Douglas was a member of Ripley Masonic Lodge #630, a 32nd Degree Mason, and a member of the Ripley Shrine Club; and

WHEREAS, often duly honored for his contributions to his fellow citizens, Jimmy Douglas received the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America, was named the Rotary Club Citizen of the Year in 2003, and was named the Fraternal Order of Police's Man of the Year in 1969; and

WHEREAS, he was also wholly devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Douglas will be mourned yet fondly remembered by his wife, Carol Ann Douglas; two sons, Steve (Mamie) Douglas and Mike (Leigh) Douglas; a brother, Richard

Douglas; and four grandchildren, Elizabeth Douglas, Scott Douglas, Ashleigh Douglas, and Maddie Douglas; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by a son, David Douglas; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Douglas leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of James Guilford "Jimmy" Douglas, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Douglas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.